

TAXI ORDINANCE IS TO STIPULATE ALL PENALTIES

Magistrates Will Not Be Left
in Doubt as to the
Punishments.

One of the most important features relative to the Mayor's Commission ordinance which is now being considered by interested members of the Board of Aldermen is that of regulations for drivers. They claim that every regulation should be stipulated in the ordinance so that Magistrates may readily be guided as to penalties. In the existing ordinance this is not the case, and to this is attributed much of the laxity of law regarding chauffeurs and their vehicles.

Small penalties are imposed at the discretion of the sitting Magistrates, and in this way many offenders go away with a small fine and continue in the cab business and have little or no regard as to violations on account of the ease with which they get off.

The Mayor's commission in their report to the Mayor pointed out the importance of having an enlarged and thorough License and Inspection Bureau, and that the man at the head of this department "should be equal in rank" with any of the Commissioners appointed by the Mayor and receive the same salary.

That the "proper handling of this department requires a man of administrative ability equal to the head of the Police or Fire Department"—all of which goes to show that after investigation by the commission too much stress cannot be put on the importance of a thorough License Bureau of this kind.

Therefore the Mayor's Commission, having this idea of such a Bureau to be established, have accordingly left many regulations to be designated by the Chief of the Bureau of Licenses, giving him authority and power to that end. SEVERAL ALDERMEN ADVOCATE CHANGES.

In the opinion of several Aldermen this provision should be changed and every regulation definitely stated in the ordinance so that even the Chief of the Bureau of Licenses may be guided in this direction.

Chief Wallace of the bureau would like to see the regulations as stipulated, believing that it is a difficult matter to cope with conditions as they now exist, and should there not be forthcoming the thoroughly organized Inspection Bureau that is suggested, the condition of affairs under the new ordinance would be similar to the present one.

Mr. Wallace has made these statements to the Mayor's Commission, bringing designs of plates for vehicles

to their attention, rate cards and several other worthy innovations that in his judgment should be clearly defined in the ordinance, so that whoever is the future head of the License Bureau may thus profit by the investigations and experiences of the past.

Chief Inspector of Taxicabs Drennon also voices this sentiment, saying, "It is a difficult thing to get proper and just punishment for chauffeurs violating regulations under the present ordinance, since they are so vague in their interpretation, and accordingly it makes it difficult for the Magistrates to be guided by them."

"I think it would be a mistake to make the Bureau of Licenses suggest all their own rules in this connection, since so-called department rules are generally unknown to the Magistrates and little attention paid to them accordingly. Also department rules do not entail penalties."

"This is also the case with the police, who are not fully informed as to our department rules. But if these regulations are directly stated, together with their penalties, in the forthcoming ordinance, there is no question that violations can be more readily dealt with."

"And we can, in this way, by strict adherence to such stipulated regulations, root out much of the chaotic conditions that at present exist."

"The great trouble with the existing ordinance is the fact that department rules have not counted very much in getting action against offenders."

Mr. Drennon, who has thoroughly studied the question and who has personally followed up many of the cases which he refers, has carefully compiled with Chief Wallace a complete set of rules and regulations covering the entire situation and would like to see these incorporated in the ordinance direct rather than have such measures left as department rules.

In Paris, London and other European cities every little detail as to regulations and penalties therefore is carefully designated, and though the Chief of Police is the supreme power in this connection, yet these become laws and occupy the same place from a legal standpoint as the sections of our ordinance.

Alderman Marks, speaking of this in connection with his own ordinance, said: "After all the hearings, both public and within the committee, that were held during our investigation I am firmly convinced that one of the greatest needs is to definitely state in any ordinance that becomes law every rule by which violations are readily recognized by any magistrate in the city before whom these cases come."

"Much of the evil that has been wrought in the past is due to the non-enforcement of existing laws and the light sentences with which chauffeurs have been allowed to go for various offenses, such as cabs in bad condition, overcharges, inability, etc. In a word, magistrates haven't time to study all the rules that are made by departments, and, at any rate, action is much more certain when the ordinance is before them containing specifically the offense to be dealt with."

"Therefore I think it wise to incorporate in a final prospective ordinance suggestions made by Chief Wallace and Chief Drennon, whose experience in this direction will prove very valuable in the framing of a final ordinance. And I have put into the Marks-Meagher ordinance practically all the needed rules as suggested."

40 YEARS IN PRISON FOR JAMES CASSIDY, FRIEND OF FOSBREY

Acquitted on a Charge of Murder, He Gets Long Sentence for Burglary.

James Cassidy, arch criminal, has been laid by the heels at last. For the next forty years he will cease being a menace to society. Forty years was the sentence imposed upon him to-day by Justice Fawcett in the Kings County Supreme Court—forty years in the State Prison.

Cassidy accompanied the notorious Raymond Fosbrey, who made the sensational escape from the Tombs last winter, to the haberdashery store of Walter Meserits in Flatbush in December last. The haberdasher was murdered, while the two men robbed the store. When Cassidy was arrested he was wearing a tie which was identified as part of the goods stolen from the Flatbush store. A pawnbroker identified him as the man who had pledged with him a number of safety razors from the store.

And with this evidence against him Cassidy said that it was Fosbrey who had shot Meserits.

The jury earned a rebuke from Justice Fawcett when they brought in a verdict of not guilty of murder, and Cassidy laughed. Last week his trial for burglary—committed in the store of Louis Price, a jeweler of Williamsburg—was finished, and he was found guilty.

When Cassidy came up for sentence Justice Fawcett briefly reviewed his criminal career, and said that he was one of the greatest menaces to society with which the courts of Brooklyn had to deal in many years. There was no smile on Cassidy's face when the sentence was pronounced. He gazed at the Justice for a moment with a look of hatred, then dropped his eyes. He hadn't a word to say as he was led from the court.

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Witness Brown Testifies of 400 Per Cent. Raise in Capital During Nine Years.

BOSTON, April 28.—The examination of David E. Brown, the Government's accountant, was continued by Louis D. Brandeis at the hearing to-day of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the affairs of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company.

The witness said that for the year ending June 30, 1910, the first year included in his examination of the New Haven's books, the gross operating revenues aggregated \$47,344,677. The figures for the year ending June 30, 1912, were \$67,359,211, showing an increase of approximately 42 per cent. in nine years.

C. F. Choate Jr., who, like Mr. Brandeis, is appearing at the hearings as "a citizen," suggested that the figures for 1912 included the marine lines of the company. Mr. Brown said he understood the figures he gave were of railroad operations.

The capital stock, funded indebtedness, bills payable, and premiums received on capital stock of the New Haven company was about \$94,000,000 in 1901, and \$470,000,309 in 1912, according to the witness, an increase in nine years of \$376,000,000, or about 400 per cent.

Mr. Choate protested that such com-

parison and use of figures were improper and misleading, because no account was taken of the increase of assets and other elements entering into the matter. Examiner Ward Prouty replied that the comparisons might be made.

PLAY AND DANCE AT PLAZA.

Miss Eckhardt Arranges It for Benefit of Settlement House.

Miss Ophelia Calvo-Eckhardt, assisted by many of the younger people in society, will give an entertainment and dance this evening at the Plaza Hotel for the benefit of the Casa Maria Spanish Settlement House, in West Fourteenth street. A musical comedy by James P. Pennis, with original costume dances, will be the principal feature.

There will also be songs by the Mexican tenor, Mr. Uribe, and the orchestra will be under the direction of Arthur Wyckoff. The dances were composed and arranged by Miss Eckhardt, and many of the costumes were designed by her.

LANDED "HIM."

(From the Leeds (Ark.) Lease.) Charlie Stevens was in Pine Bluff Friday and Saturday and while there purchased a beautiful thoroughbred Jersey cow. He telephoned Cal Varnell to meet him at the station here and help him off. Cal went, and with the aid of the marshal they succeeded in landing him.

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